

COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Strausberg Air Depot

EVALUATION [] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 9 July to 21 October 1952

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REFERENCES [] 25X1

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- 25X1 [] 1. Strausberg Air Depot, located on Hogermuehlenstrasse, in a former rolling mill, was observed between 9 July and 21 October 1952. Only on 7 August was the test stand for jet engines in operation for a short period. [] 25X1

2. Between 9 July and 10 October, incoming and outgoing shipments of large pieces of equipment included:

9 July. Three van-like trucks, probably radio trucks, [] 25X1
[] left the depot in the direction of town. [] 25X1

30 July. Five van-like trucks [] arrived at Strausberg railroad station. They were towed by a prime mover to the depot on 31 July. 25X1

20 August. Five two-axle, van-like trucks left the depot. Two of them had a one-axle trailer.

22 and 23 August. An incoming shipment of four gondola cars loaded with two caterpillar tractors, one van-like truck and two steel structures.

1 September. Five three-axle trucks and an ambulance arrived on six gondola cars.

3 September. Three or five van-like trucks arrived by rail.

6 September. An outgoing shipment of five gondola cars loaded with three small trucks.

21 September. An incoming shipment of two van-like trucks and an outgoing shipment of five used trucks.

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1 October. Twenty to 25 Opel sedans, apparently new, were seen on gondola cars at the loading ramp. They were probably to be shipped to Frankfurt/Oder.

10 October. Two used van-like trucks arrived.

3. Between 9 July and 21 October 1952, 28 to 30 grey-painted crates, 1.5 x 2 x 2.75 meters, and six grey crates, 1.5 x 2 x 3 meters, were stored outdoors south of the depot, next to the railroad tracks. [redacted]

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[redacted] Incomplete observation of incoming and outgoing shipments of crates during this period covered the following:

Date	Incoming Shipment	Outgoing Shipment
8 August	5 crates, 1.5 x 2 x 2.7 m loaded on 4 gondola cars	
23 August		1 crate, same as above, on a gondola car
6 September		2 crates, same as above, 1 crate, 5 x 2 x 1.9 m, with arched roof, similar to a moving van
13 September		2 crates, 1.5 x 2 x 2.5 m
21 September		2 crates, 1.5 x 2 x 2.7 m
22 September	1 crate, 1.2 x 2.2 x 2.2 m, loaded on truck [redacted] Ropes for crane unloading were seen here.	
1 October 2:20 p.m.	17 crates, 1.5 x 2 x 2.7 m 13 to 20 crates, 0.5 x 0.5 x 1.6 m loaded on 7 gondola cars.	
3:25 p.m.	A mobile crane, probably to unload the crates, entered the depot.	
6 October		2 crates, 1.5 x 2 x 2.7 m, loaded on truck [redacted] with trailer. The shipment was probably going to Werneuchen.

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4. Motor vehicle traffic observed between 5 August and 21 October 1952, [redacted] were loaded with crates, aircraft tires and motor vehicle tires, barrels, exhausts, tin drums, coils of wire, iron rods and small quantities of welding equipment:



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5. Between August and late October 1952, the noise of running engines was not heard from the depot. Only few incoming and outgoing rail shipments were observed between 19 and 24 August and from 1 to 7 September. Twenty to 23 railroad cars arrived at dusk each evening between 22 September and 1 October, and about the same traffic was observed between 3 and 13 October. [redacted] there was either heavy motor vehicle or rail traffic at the depot or none at all. Incomplete observation covered the following incoming and outgoing shipments of aircraft engine crates. [redacted] these crates as crates for RD-45 type engines. 25X1

Date	Incoming Shipment	Outgoing Shipment
31 July		5 crates loaded on 2 boxcars
8 August	4 crates by rail	
3 October	6 crates by rail	
7 October		4 crates by truck

On 5 and 8 August respectively, one crate, the size of a moving van, arrived at the depot. On 28 August, a rail shipment of four crates, 1 x 1 x 4.5 meters, and on 2 October, a rail shipment of four crates, more than 3 meters long, left the depot.³

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6. On 26 October 1952, two Soviet notes were found at the dump of the air depot: a hand written note from the commanding officer of the 4th battalion, Major Yermilov, a fragment of a tag from the spring of a 37-mm AA gun.²

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1. [redacted] Comment.

The occasional operation of the test stand supports a previous assumption that there is no engine repair shop located at Strausberg air depot and that only engines rendered defective from shipping are tested there.

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[REDACTED] Comment. In the field comment of a previous report, the length of the Nene engine was erroneously given as 2.96 m instead of 2.16 meters. [REDACTED] Both sizes of crates would be big enough to hold the Soviet duplication of the original Nene as well as the improved version of the "ene, the VK-1. See Annex 1, for sketch of crate. There were less shipments of crates observed than during the preceding months.

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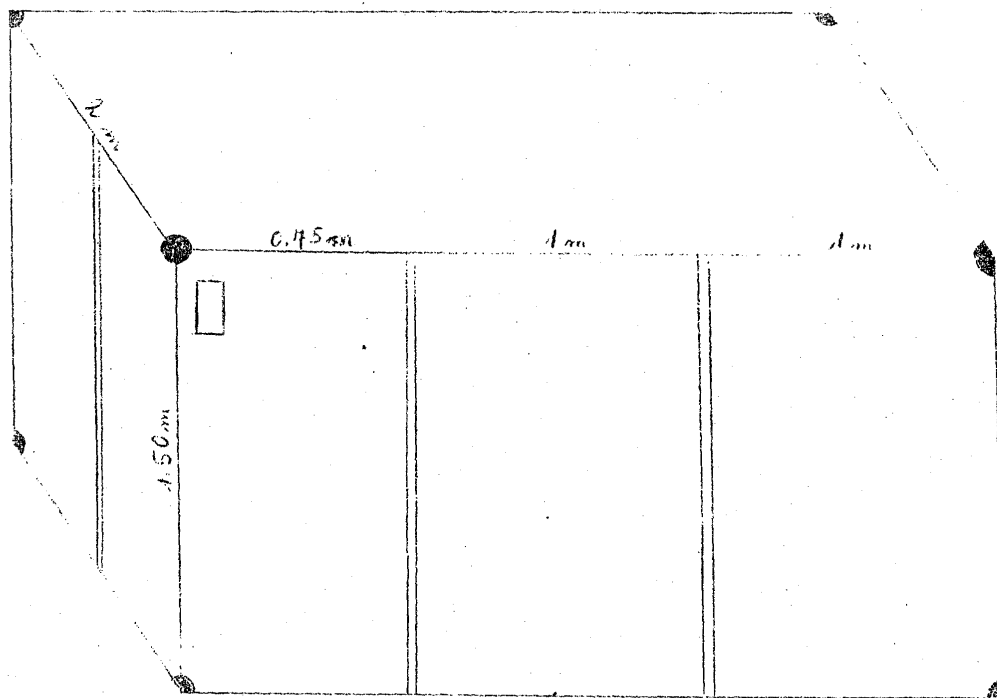
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Shipping Crate Observed at Strausberg Air Depot

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